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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NORTON, et al.) Atty Docket No. P.19482/MAJR
Application No.: 10/069,946 ✓)
Filed : July 19, 2002)
For: RECOVERY OF PRECIOUS METAL)
FROM SULPHIDE MINERALS BY)
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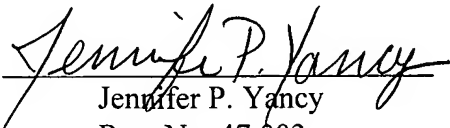
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This letter is to confirm the telephone conversation with Randy Gholson on August 16, 2004. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 12, 2004 was sent in error. Therefore, there are no outstanding actions for this application. The application should proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,


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